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### REMARKS

This amendment is filed in response to the Examiner's proposed claim amendment dated February 12, 2003 and is supplemental to the Amendment filed November 27, 2003. In this proposal, the Examiner indicated that the proposed claim amendment to claim 1 would make claims 1-20 allowable and that adding these limitations to claims 21, 24, and 25 would make all claims allowable. The claims have been amended per the Examiner's suggestion. Accordingly, claims 1-26 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The present amendment also adds new claim 27 in accordance with the proposed amended claim 1, submitted by facsimile on February 6, 2003. New claim 27 is also believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner objects to the new claim, he is invited to contact the undersigned, or in the undersigned's absence, to contact Attorney Mary E. Eberle, to discuss cancellation or amendment of this claim. Entry of these claim amendments is respectfully requested.

### Conclusion


All of the claims are believed to define patentable subject matter under 35 U.S.C. Sections 112, 102, and 103 and to be in proper form for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-27 is respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1170 in the amount of \$42 for 1 independent claim in addition to 3 by a small entity. No other fees are believed to be payable. Nevertheless, the Director is authorized to charge payment of any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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Should the Examiner have any remaining questions, the attending to of which would expedite issuance of this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**Amended Claims**

1. (Twice Amended) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop that has a perforate scoop portion and a handle, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:
- a pedestal base;
  - a retainer lip extending upwardly from the base;
  - ~~a~~ an upwardly extending rear wall that is spaced from the retainer lip; ~~and~~
  - wherein the retainer lip extends outwardly from adjacent the rear wall, and wherein the retainer lip and the rear wall define a scoop-receiving pocket;
  - a retention chamber formed on the underside of the holder; and
  - bores formed in the bottom surface of the scoop-receiving pocket for permitting material to pass from the scoop-receiving pocket into the retention chamber.
21. (Amended) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:
- a pedestal base;
  - a retainer lip extending upwardly from the base;
  - ~~a~~ an upwardly extending rear wall that is spaced from the retainer lip, wherein the rear wall has a height that is higher than a height of the retainer lip; ~~and~~
  - wherein the retainer lip and the rear wall define a pocket that is dimensioned and configured to receive a cat litter scoop;
  - a retention chamber formed on the underside of the holder; and
  - bores formed in the bottom surface of the scoop-receiving pocket for permitting material to pass from the scoop-receiving pocket into the retention chamber.
24. (Amended) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:
- a pedestal base;

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a retainer lip extending upwardly from the base;

~~a-an upwardly extending~~ rear wall that is spaced from the retainer lip and that has a pair of intumed flanges with one of the flanges disposed along substantially the entire length of one side of the rear wall and the other one of the flanges disposed along substantially the entire length of the other side of the rear wall; and

wherein the retainer lip and the rear wall define a scoop-receiving pocket;

a retention chamber formed on the underside of the holder; and

bores formed in the bottom surface of the scoop-receiving pocket for permitting material to pass from the scoop-receiving pocket into the retention chamber.

25. (Amended) A cat litter scoop holder for a cat litter scoop, the cat litter scoop holder comprising:

a pedestal base;

an outwardly inclined retainer wall that extends outwardly from adjacent the rear wall;

~~a-an upwardly extending~~ rear wall that is spaced from the retainer lip; and

wherein the retainer lip and the rear wall define a scoop-receiving pocket;

a retention chamber formed on the underside of the holder; and

bores formed in the bottom surface of the scoop-receiving pocket for permitting material to pass from the scoop-receiving pocket into the retention chamber.

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